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RELATED AGREEMENTS

BEGIN SUMMARY. COMMERCE, BEWT, EAD ACTING DIRECTOR LOTARSKI AND
EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON PLANNING COMMISSION AND MFT OFFICIALS
ON APRIL 27-28 TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF PLANS FOR THE JOINT TRADE
COMMISSION'S INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP. POLISH OFF-
ICIALS PROPOSED THAT THE WORKING GROUP MEET IN THE FALL THE WEEK
BEFORE THE COMMISSION SESSION. THEY SAID THIS GROUP'S PURVIEW
SHOULD BE LIMITED TO INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND NOT INCLUDE BUSI-
NESS FACILITATION AS PROPOSED BY US SIDE. THE POLISH OFFICIALS
RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENTS AND SAID THEY WOULD
TRANSMIT THEIR COMMENTS OR COUNTERDRAFTS BEFORE THE FALL MEETINGS.
THE GOP WOULD LIKE THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO COVER ONLY IND-
USTRIAL COOPERATION, UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE JOINT VENTURES, AND
NOT OTHER ECONOMIC MATTERS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPARENTLY
HAS THE LEAD ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE
ON THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY

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1. ON APRIL 27, ACTING DIRECTOR LOTARSKI OF EASTERN EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS DIVISION, BEWT, COMMERCE, AND EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH
JANUSZ CZAMARSKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND STANISLAW KRYNICKI, CHIEF
SPECIALIST OF DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN
COUNTRIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF AN
PLANS FOR THE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP CREATED AT THE
SEVENTH SESSION OF THE JOINT AMERICAN-POLISH TRADE COMMISSION.

CZAMARSKI PROPOSED THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP BE HELD THIS FALL IN WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING THE JOINT COMMISSION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GROUP'S PURVIEW SHOULD BE LIMITED TO INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, RATHER THAN ALSO COVERING BUSINESS FACILITATION MATTERS AS PROPOSED BY THE US SIDE. HE EXPLAINED THAT INCLUSION OF BUSINESS FACILITATION WOULD REQUIRE PARTICIPATION, PROBABLY AT THE VICE MINISTER OR DIRECTOR LEVEL, OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND OTHER AGENCIES. THIS WOULD COMPLICATE THE WORK AND SCHEDULING OF THE WORKING GROUP, CZAMARSKI SAID.

2. CZAMARSKI ALSO PROVIDED A COPY OF AN APRIL 19, 1978, LETTER FROM DEPUTY PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN OLESIK RESPONDING TO DAS REICH'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 7. THE OLESIK RESPONSE CONTAINS ESSENTIALLY THE POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE AND IS BEING TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE LETTER

APPENDICES THE REQUESTED LIST OF US-POLISH COOPERATION PROJECTS UNDER NEGOTIATION.

3. CZAMARSKI RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE DRAFT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE POLISH SIDE IS "EAGER" TO CONCLUDE SUCH AN AGREEMENT. AFTER REFERRING VERY GENERALLY TO THE US DRAFT'S INCONSISTENCIES WITH POLISH LAW, HE SAID THE AGREEMENT SHOULD COVER ONLY INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, AND NOT INCLUDE

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GENERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION, HE STATED THAT INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WAS UNDERSTOOD BY THE POLISH SIDE TO INCLUDE JOINT VENTURES. HE IMPLIED THAT POLICY DIFFERENCES EXISTED WITHIN POLAND ON THE APPROACH TO JOINT VENTURES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH JOINT VENTURES IS NOT CLEAR. CZAMARSKI STATED THAT THE POLISH SIDE EXPECTS TO TRANSMIT ITS WRITTEN COMMENTS AND/OR A COUNTERDRAFT TO US IN ADVANCE OF THIS FALL'S MEETINGS.

4. LOTARSKI POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE MANY OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION WITHIN THE WORKING GROUP. SHE SAID THAT A WORKING GROUP SESSION THIS FALL COULD ACCOMPLISH USEFUL WORK EVEN IF NO FURTHER NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENTS TOOK PLACE. CZAMARSKI AGREED WITH THIS POINT.

A COMMENT: THE POLES HAD PROBABLY BEEN LINKING NEGOTIATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE MEETING OF THE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP. WHEN THEY REALIZED THEY WERE NOT READY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE AGREEMENTS THEY REQUESTED THE WORKING GROUP MEETING BE POSTPONED FROM MAY UNTIL THIS FALL. END COMMENT.

6. THE MEETING ON APRIL 28 AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE INCLUDED

PAWEL KOWALCZYK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DEPT. III; STEFAN WOLNIK, CHIEF OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SECTION; DANIEL ZYKYLSKI, AMERICAN DESK OFFICER; AND EDMUND ZAWADZKI, DIRECTOR, DEPT OF THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHO WILL ASSUME THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR'S POST IN WASHINGTON IN LATE MAY. THESE OFFICIALS REPEATED VIEWS EXPRESSED BY PLANNING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP AND AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, THEY INDICATED THAT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WAS PREPARING A RESPONSE ON THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION AGREEMENT AND EXPECTED TO BE READY TO PRESENT A RESPONSE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. THE US DRAFT, THEY SAID, POSED PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE RANGE OF INFORMATION INCLUDED FOR PUBLICATION. THE OTHER TWO AGREEMENTS PRESENTED NO PROBLEMS AND COULD BE CONCLUDED THIS FALL.

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KOWALCZYK SAID THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE POLISH SECTION OF THE COMMISSION WAS CURRENTLY VACANT, BUT THAT THEY EXPECTED TO FILL IT AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL TO REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE WITH THE US.

7. WE REPLIED THAT THE BROADER, MORE CURRENT PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION AS FORESEEN IN THE US DRAFT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO US BUSINESSMEN. WE SAID POLAND'S RECORD FOR PUBLISHING ECONOMIC INFORMATION WAS RELATIVELY GOOD UNTIL FEBRUARY, 1977, AND THAT WE WANTED TO SEE THE GOP RETURN TO THAT GOOD RECORD.

8. KOWALCZYK SAID THAT VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PRUCHNIEWICZ EXPECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE US-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL SESSION IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 15. WE INDICATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO ARRANGE A CALL FOR HIM AT COMMERCE IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS. FINANCE VICE MINISTER KRZAK ALSO MAY GO TO THE COUNCIL MEETING.

9. COMMENT: THE PLANNING COMMISSION CLEARLY IS DEVELOPING AND COORDINATING GOP POLICY ON THE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND WORKING GROUP AND WOULD SEEM TO HAVE A DEFINITE BUREAUCRATIC INTEREST IN LIMITING THE AGREEMENT TO INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION TOPICS AND IN EXCLUDING NON-RELATED BUSINESS FACILITATION TOPICS FROM THE WORKING GROUP.

10. THE EMBASSY IS INCLINED TO AGREE THAT BUSINESS FACILITATION ISSUES COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE PURVIEW OF THE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION GROUP WITHOUT LOSING LEVERAGE ON THESE ISSUES. SUCH LEVERAGE COULD CONTINUE TO BE EXERCISED THROUGH THE PLENARY MEETINGS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION. THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF NARROWING OUR DRAFT AGREEMENT TO INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION TOPICS WILL NOT BE CLEAR UNTIL THE POLISH DRAFT IS FINALLY RECEIVED, HOWEVER. END

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